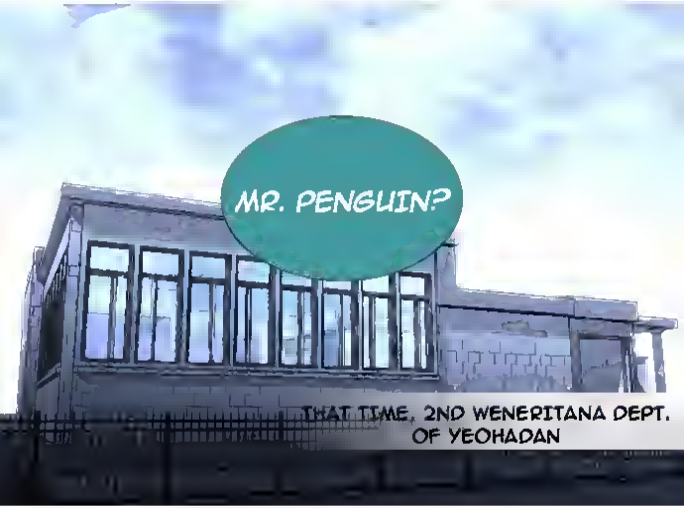
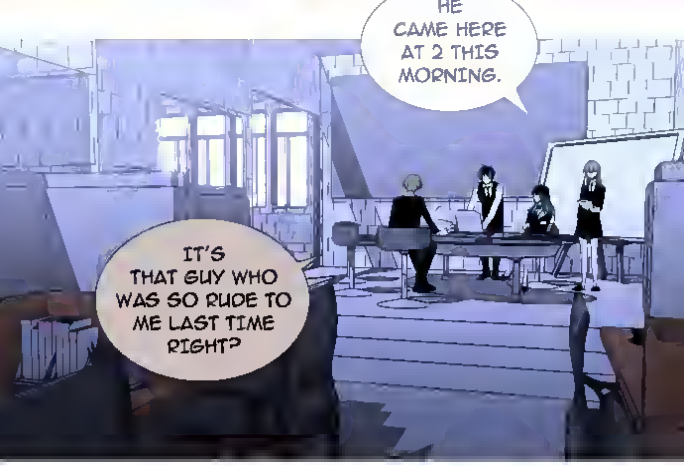
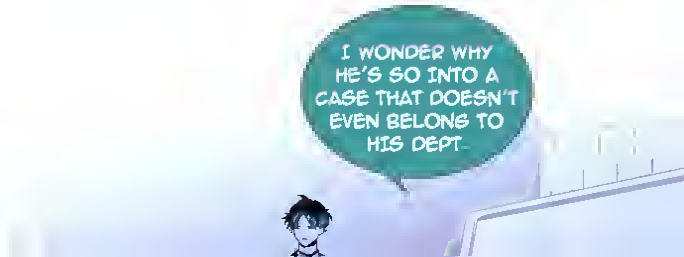
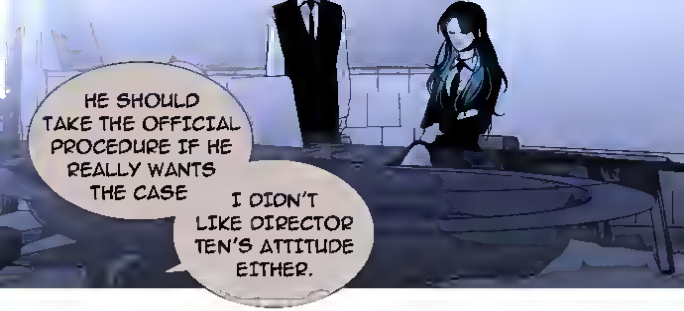
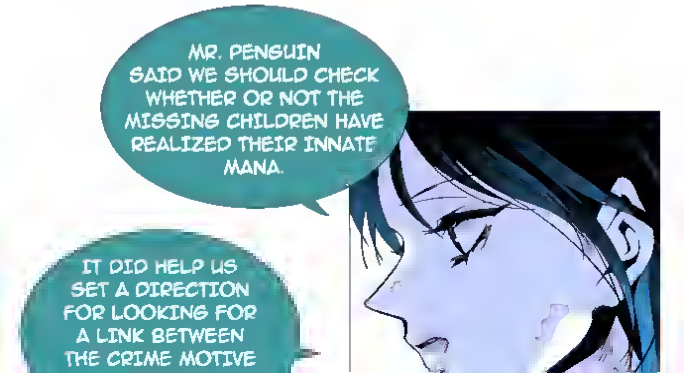

MR. PENGUIN?
THAT TIME, 2ND WENERITANA DEPT. OF YEOHADAN


HE CAME HERE AT 2 THIS MORNING.
IT'S THAT GUY WHO WAS SO RUDE TO ME LAST TIME RIGHT?


I WONDER WHY HE'S SO INTO A CASE THAT DOESN'T EVEN BELONG TO HIS DEPT.

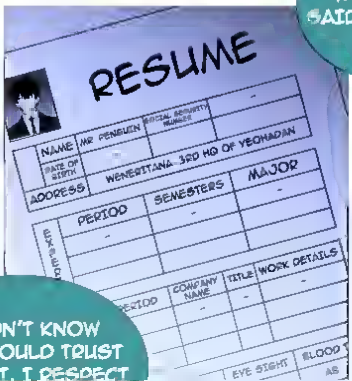

HE SHOULD TAKE THE OFFICIAL PROCEDURE IF HE REALLY WANTS THE CASE
I DION'T LIKE DIRECTOR TEN'S ATTITUDE EITHER.


MR. PENGUIN SAID WE SHOULD CHECK WHETHER OR NOT THE MISSING CHILDREN HAVE REALIZED THEIR INNATE MANA.
IT DID HELP US SET A DIRECTION FOR LOOKING FOR A LINK BETWEEN THE CRIME MOTIVE

AND CHILDREN'S INNATE MANA

DIRECTOR KANIS (34)
WENERITANA DEPT. OF YEOHADAN

I THINK YAN WOULD HAVE SAID SOMETHING LIKE...



'I DON'T KNOW IF I SHOULD TRUST HIM, BUT I RESPECT

HIS CAPABILITIES.

I WILL COUNT ON MY DECISION AND MR. PENGUIN'S INVESTIGATIVE ABILITIES.

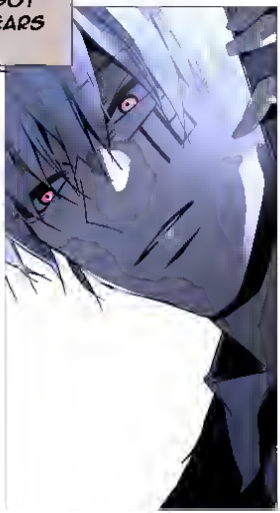
WHAT?
I KNOW YOU ARE NOT INTERESTED IN THIS CASE AT ALL.
SO WE NEED MR. PENGUIN TO HELP US AT LEAST.
EXCUSE ME. HE'S IN MY TEAM. WHAT GIVES YOU A RIGHT TO TELL HIM WHAT TO DO?

YOUR TEAM? WE ARE ALL PART OF THE WENERITANA DEPARTMENT. WE NEED TO HELP EACH OTHER!

ANNOYED

WELL YOU ARE NOT ABSOLUTELY WRONG BUT...

HONESTLY, WASN'T IT THE 1ST DEPT. DIRECTOR MICK WHO TOOK OUR DIRECTOR AND GOT HIM KILLED 16 YEARS AGO?



WHAT DID YOU SAY?

WHAT DO YOU KNOW? YOU WEREN'T EVEN THERE.
AND YOU, WHO WERE THERE, WERE SO CAPABLE THAT YOU LET THAT MESS HAPPEN?!
TAKE HIS PHONE!

I APOLOGIZE DIRECTOR TEN.
YOU MUST HAVE BEEN VERY OFFENDED, BUT PLEASE FORGIVE HIM.
DON'T APOLOGIZE KANIS!!
RYU (33)
ING OFFICER AT 2ND
TANA DEPT. OF YEOHADAN
I NEVER LIKED HIM.

I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF BRINING MR PENGUIN HERE EITHER.

IT WAS THE 1ST DEPT. THAT KILLED YAN.

I'M SO MAD
RIGHT NOW

JUST FORGET ABOUT IT..!
DUMP

THAT GUY, RYU... I DON'T THINK HE'S TRYING TO BE MEAN. IT'S PROBABLY JUST THAT HE'S ALSO HURT.

NOT HIM,
BUT PENGUIN!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND
WHY HE'S ACTING
LIKE THAT!

NOT ONLY MY FATHER
BUT ALSO TESSERA AND
CAPTAIN ARE ALL EYES
AND EARS TO THAT
CASE..
I MEAN, THERE'S ALSO
WHAT HAPPENED WITH
THE 2ND DEPT..I REALLY
WANT TO AVOID THAT
CASE
TEW

YOU'RE NOT AN INVESTIGATOR YOU ARE A CRIMINAL REMEMBER?
IT'S YOUR FAULT.

YOU TAKE THAT CASE OFFICIALLY.
THEN PEOPLE WON'T BE CURIOUS OR DOUBTFUL ABOUT ME OR INFORMATION I GIVE AWAY.
JUST OUT OF CONCERN . ARE YOU WITH THE SUSPECT..?

ANNOYED

IF WE DON'T FIND THE SUSPECT IN 29 DAYS, THE MISSING CHILDREN MIGHT BE KILLED.
TEN
YOU SAY THAT SOMEWHERE ELSE, THEN YOU'RE GOING TO BE SUMMONED AND INVESTIGATED!

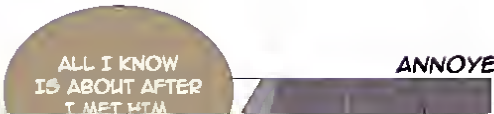
YOU'RE RELATED TO THE CASE!!

RIGHT?
YOU ALSO THINK HE'S ACTING WEIRD RIGHT?
SLAM!
YES. BUT HE ISN'T ALL THAT UNUSUAL IF YOU THINK ABOUT THE FISH LADY CASE
IT COULD BE THAT HE JUST 'DON'T LIKE' THE SUSPECT JUST

THOSE TWO ARE ONLY RUINING MY LIFE

YOU HAVE

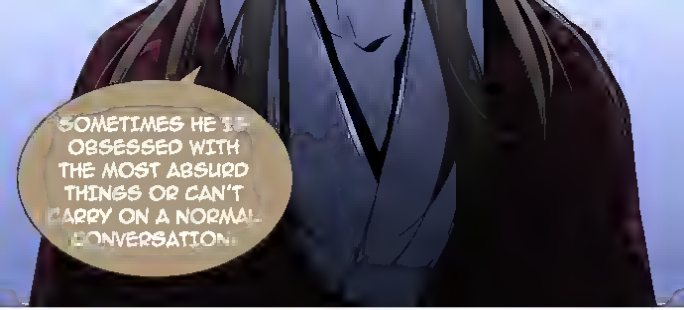
A CONTRACT WITH ME. YOU SHOULD BE MORE HELPFUL I NEED HELP
RUSTLE
HE'S BEEN NEVER HELPFUL IN MY LIFE EITHER.


ALL I KNOW IS ABOUT AFTER I MET HIM
ANNOYED

I DON'T KNOW IN DETAIL WHAT HAD HAPPENED BEFORE THAT.

I HEARD HE GOT A SIDE EFFECT FROM WHAT HE HAD GONE THROUGH BEFORE WE MET.

I CAN'T BELIEVE HE COULD BE A VICTIM TO ANYTHING...
AS YOU SAID.


SOMETIMES HE IS OBSESSED WITH THE MOST ABSURD THINGS OR CAN'T CARRY ON A NORMAL CONVERSATION.

FROM WHAT I HEARD FROM NORI...

AN EXPERIMENT?

GUSHRRRR
WHERE IS IT.. RAN BELLENEPIA...!
WHEN WAS HIS NAME INCLUDED IN YEOHADAN'S WANTED LIST?

HE CAME UNDER MY JURISDICTION...

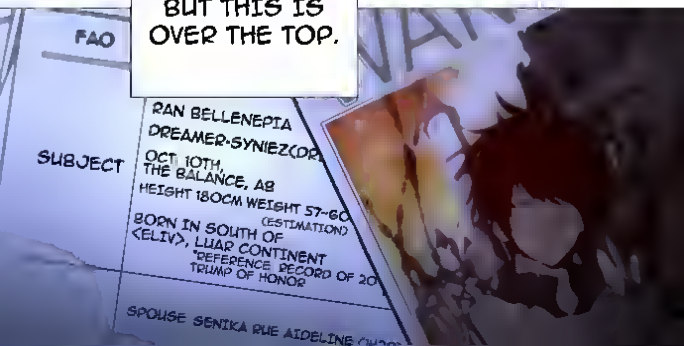
WHERE DID I PUT HIS INFO SHEET...?

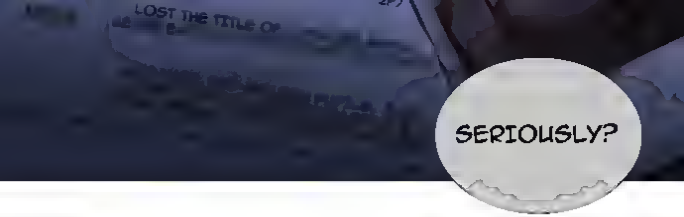
FLIP

...!

I KNEW HE DOESN'T USUALLY SAY MUCH ABOUT HIMSELF...

BUT THIS IS OVER THE TOP.




LOST THE TITLE OF
SERIOUSLY?

2ND WENERITANA DEPT. OF YEOHADAN
I DIDN'T THINK YOU WOULD COME.
BUT THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMING.
DIRECTOR TEN,

YOU HAD A HAIRCUT?

AS YOU SAID, MR. PENGUIN, WE'VE CONFIRMED THAT THE CHILDREN WERE ALL BORN ON OCT. 10TH AND THEY HAVEN'T HAD THEIR INNATE MANA REALIZED.

MAYBE I RATHER HOPED THAT HE'S AN ACCOMPLICE TO THE SUSPECT.

THEN I WOULD'VE BEEN ABLE TO PRETEND THAT I DON'T KNOW
?

LET'S TALK FOR A BIT.
ME?
NOD

YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL ME

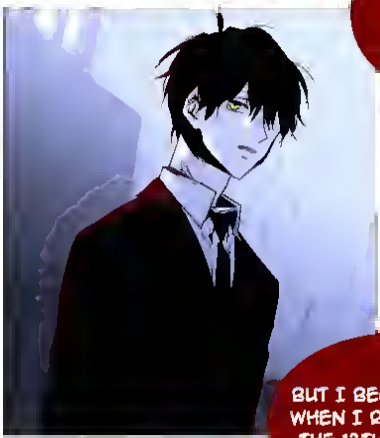
I'LL LET YOU JOIN THIS INVESTIGATION AS YOU WISH.

WHATEVER IT IS,
I'VE BECOME SURE THAT
YOU ARE RELATED TO
THIS CASE ONE WAY
OR THE OTHER.
I KNOW
IT MIGHT
NOT BE EASY
FOR YOU,

BUT
I WANT YOU
TO TELL ME
THE TRUTH.
A DIFFICULT
QUESTION...

...REQUIRES A LOT OF THOUGHTS AND HESITATIONS,
I CAN'T REMEMBER CLEARLY BECAUSE I WAS SO YOUNG.
COUGH!
COUGH!

THERE WAS A HUGE FIRE IN MY HOUSE WHEN I WAS YOUNG.
IF IT WERE AN ORDINARY FIRE, I WOULDN'T HAVE SURVIVED.


I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST AN ACCIDENT,
BUT I BECAME SURE WHEN I READ ABOUT THE 13TH MISSING CHILD.

IT'S "THEM."

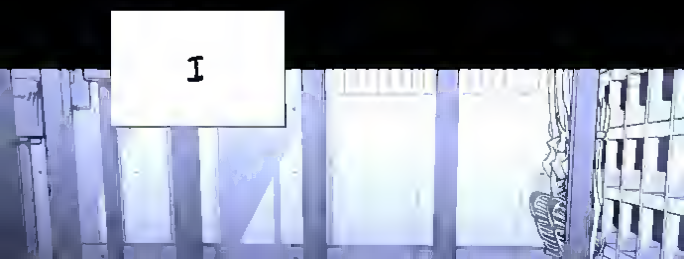
I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH TIME HAD PASSED.

I WOKE UP.

AND I COULD SMELL SOMETHING WEIRD, LIKE A MEDICINE.

IT WAS A STORAGE FILLED WITH THINGS I HAD NEVER SEEN BEFORE.

WHERE IS THIS?


I

WERE LOCKED UP BY SOMEONE.

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